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Mr. Dulles:

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In connection with our discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on 1 March with regard to [] attending the White House pre-Presidential press conferences, we at one time thought of having Dick Helms do this. While these meetings are sometimes lengthy, I believe it would be more appropriate to send Dick -- even after Stan returns. In my opinion, we should be represented by a senior officer who is knowledgeable in all our activities.

Dick Helms has discussed this with Dick Bissell and "Dick feels that Dick is the proper one to attend these meetings" -- they are regularly scheduled each Tuesday at 4 p.m., in Mr. Salinger's office whether or not the President is holding a press conference that week.

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Shall I therefore tell Dick Helms to go ahead and explain the need for the change to Messrs. Salinger and [] -- and shall I tell Stan Grogan the next time I talk to him?

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